## Sharing *Science and Health*:

## Breaking down fears and cultural barriers Community Embrace Discussion

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"The textbook of Christian Science is transforming the universe", wrote Mrs. Eddy in Misc. Writings. In identifying the source of the book, she said, "Truth and Love" had "dictated" this transforming work.

Mrs. Eddy, also called, <u>Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures</u> "The best book in the world" (We Knew Mary Baker Eddy, Expanded Edition, pg 452). Because it's truths are God-revealed, she referred to it as her "best practitioner" and her "best teacher." Thoroughly understanding the books immense, life-changing value, she naturally expected her book to be sold and widely distributed to fulfill it's mission.

Practical steps to overcoming any fears or doubts that would keep us from individually selling or distributing larger quantities of *Science and Health*:

- 1. Take the "Science and Health Challenge Pledge"...and commit to selling or "gifting" books to anyone and everyone in your community.
- 2. Prayer, along with a heart over-flowing with love for our fellow man, breaks down the fear of "looking bad" or saying "something dumb" when sharing the textbook. A genuine smile and a heart of love quickly dissolves the discomfort of interacting with new people.
- 3. The real desire to share the book's life-changing value with others, comes from feeling the love and gratitude for what the textbook *has done for us.*
- 4. Be a "need seeker" everyday...and God will bring, or reveal, the thirsty hearted.
- 5. Just start. You don't need anyone's permission to be a "Reading Room of One."
- 6. Be prepared. Have books always available and on hand..."ready to distribute".
- 7. Find the "low lying fruit"—maybe someone you already know; or a new-comer at church.
- 8. Don't pre-judge who will be receptive..."for the Lord looketh on the heart"
- 9. Don't feel pressure to sell it. Just let the book speak for itself...it's God's word and doesn't need interpretation or a motivating sales pitch.
- 10. Mentor new readers to be HEALERS. Stay in contact with new readers.

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